GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Modernisation of Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed any agreement for the modernization of Ambala Cantt. Railway Station in collaboration with France and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any suggestions to develop Panchkula Railway Station like Chandigarh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways have also noticed that hundreds acres land of railways near Panchkula Railway station is lying unutilized;

(e) if so, whether the Railways have been considering to utilize this vacant land for commercial purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): A Protocol was signed on 10th April 2015 between Ministry of Railways and the French National Railway Cooperation (SNCF) wherein it has been decided to work together on the renovation of two stations, namely, Ludhiana and Ambala, focusing on renovation concept design and programme management, based on French experience.

(b) to (f): No, Madam. There is no Railway station by the name of Panchkula. The nearest Railway station is Chandigarh.

The total land available at Chandigarh Railway station is about 490 acres. The Master Plan for redevelopment of Chandigarh station envisages commercial development of about 29 acres besides a provision of about 19 acres of warehouses, subject to the development as per the rules/policies/norms of the Chandigarh U.T. Administration.

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